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In re Appln. of: Shook et al.

Appln. No.: 10/561,597

Filed: May 15, 2006

For: ELECTROCHEMICAL REDUCTION OF
METAL OXIDES

Examiner: TBA

Art Unit: 1753

Attorney Docket No: 9378/198 (FP 23107)

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- ☒ Transmittal Letter; Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; cited references B12-B19 and
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
4,045,308	8/30/1977	White et al.
2003/0047462 A1	3/13/2003	Ward-Close et al.
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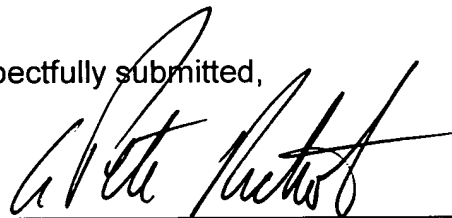
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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

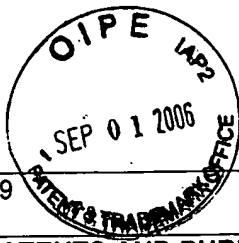
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	B16	WO 04/113593	12/29/2004	WIPO		
	B17	WO 05/031041	4/7/2005	WIPO		

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.</small>	
	B18	Skula, L.B. et al., "Bioleaching of Sukinda Laterite Using Ultrasonics", <i>Hydrometallurgy</i> , Vol. 37, No. 3, pp. 387-391, 1995
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